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Powerful England

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England's best line up for the centenary

Vic. takes royalty, NSW gets final

Victoria has lost out on staging the final of the Coca-Cola World Youth Championship next year but is planning a memorable opening ceremony at Olympic Park on October 3.

plan and organise the championships.

He will invite the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation and leading company directors to sit on the committee.

But the final, which had been expected to go to Melbourne, will instead be played in Sydney, probably at the Cricket Ground.

Mr Weinstein is not worried. "The opening ceremony will focus world attention on Melbourne and we also will have both semi-finals," he said.

The president of FIFA, Mr Joao Havelange, will come to Australia for the tournament, and will be among the guests at the opening ceremony.

It is the third version of the Coca-Cola titles. The first, in 1977, was won by the Soviet Union and the second, in 1979, went to Argentina.

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Two finals on ABC

The ABC has signed a contract allowing it to televise two of Europe's major soccer finals, the European Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup. But they will not be shown live.

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Zivkovic State coach

Uros Zivkovic has been appointed State coach of South Australia.

As a junior he played for the famous (Red Star) Belgrade and O.F.K. Beograd.

He then had four years with Second Division side Prva Iskra. Zivkovic came to South Australia as an extremely talented player in 1970 and joined Beograd Woodville.

His career highlights:

1972 voted best and fairest player in the West End Medal count.

1975 joint best team in the Azurra Cup.

1976 PSL club West Adelaide as a player—but was then invited to take over his old club Beograd Woodville as coach.

1979 joined Para Hills as a player and staff coach before taking over the S.A. State U/16 side which he led to the finals of the National Junior championships.

During his period as a player in South Australia he proved himself to be one of the most skilful and intelligent to have played in this State. A serious toe injury tended to hamper his playing in later years.

He is a fully accredited coach, having gained his Australian Soccer Federation Preliminary Award in 1977 and his A.S.F. Senior Award in 1979. Later in the same year he gained his State Advanced Coaching Certificate.

He is also a member of the S.A. Coaches Association.



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The winning goal — Trevor Brooking is on the ground after putting West Ham into the lead. At left is West Ham's Geoff Pike, No. 6 Willie Young and the goalkeeper Pat Jennings.

CUP FINAL SHOWS BRITISH 'DISEASE'

By CRAIG MACKENZIE
Who watched the final on TV

WEST HAM 1 (Brooking) ARSENAL 0.

WEST HAM: Parkes 8 — Stewart 8, Bonds 9, Martin 9, Lampard 8 — Pike 7, Allen 8, Brooking 9.5, Devonshire 8 — Cross 7, Pearson 7.

ARSENAL: Jennings 8 — Rice 6.5, Young 7, O'Leary 8, Devine 7 (sub Nelson 60th) — Price 7, Talbot 6.5, Brady 7, Rick 7.5 — Stapleton 6, Sunderland 5

London's East End flag-bearer West Ham United ended Arsenal's dream of two major successes in 1980 by hanging onto a decisive Trevor Brooking goal in the 13th minute of play to maintain the dominance of the underdog syndrome in F.A. Cup Finals.

West Ham joined Sunderland and Southampton as the third Second Division club in eight years to snatch dramatic wins over more fancied First Division opponents.

West Ham's keeper, Phil

Parkes made two good saves throughout the match and handled every possession with the confidence expected of an English international.

Arsenal's keeper Pat Jennings was reminded of his participant's role by Brooking's goal and by Ray Stewart's shot on the turn at the 83rd minute of play.

Neither keeper had to toll to earn his pay as the defensive organization of both teams was well up to coping with the definitive symbol of British football — the high, hopeful ball.

Players like Arsenal's Willie Young and West Ham's Alvin Martin thrive on such balls and this British disease allows such players to survive upon otherwise limited individual skills.

Arsenal manager Terry Neill did not reciprocate to the play of his West Ham counterpart John Lyall in using a midfield master.

United's 17-year-old Paul Allen tagged Arsenal star Liam Brady while West Ham's Trevor Brooking was allowed to roam free, knitting the West Ham play together. Brooking's performance again stamped him as a world-class midfielder.

Composure and vision are his two outstanding attributes.

The British fanaticism with work rate was another area where Brooking excelled.

The much vaunted endless energy supply of Arsenal's Brian Talbot did nothing to influence the game because Talbot could not find enough space in which to receive possession and put his hard running to good use.

The game suffered as a spectacle from the stereotypical Arsenal raids.

A slow build-up in midfield, allowing United's midfielders to get behind the ball, would see the ball played wide and eventually crossed to the head of opponents Martin or West Ham captain Billy Bonds.

Arsenal's gangling beans-

talk, centre half Young, galloped towards the far post on about five occasions only to be fiercely challenged by a West Ham opponent and beaten in the air.

The two saves by Parkes testify to Arsenal's lack of penetration.

Both came from shots outside the area, the first from a low, curling right footer by Graham Rice and the second from a fierce drive by Talbot.

If Arsenal continues in the same vein against Valencia in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup in Brussels tonight (Wednesday) the Spanish side should cruise home.

100 hurt in riot

Police and football authorities are launching a major investigation into the near-riot at the Scottish Cup final between Celtic and Rangers at Hampden Park.

Already the Glasgow Cup final between the old firm teams has been axed because of the violence which left 100 people injured, including four police officers.

Fifty people were taken to hospital and there were 210 arrests, including 180 at the ground.

A police spokesman said that the foot of the stadium investigation would be the fencing at Hampden which failed to stop rival sets of supporters swarming on to the pitch and turning the soccer showpiece into a battle.

Mounted police who moved bottle and brick throwers back to their respective terraces had to wield those long batons for the first time in Glasgow since the general strike in 1974.

More than 70,000 were at the cup final and a week on Saturday another 80,000 will fill the ground when Scotland takes on England in the Home International football championship.

The final itself was decided in the second minute of the second period of extra time when Celtic striker George McCluskey stuck out a foot to deflect Danny McGrain's 20-yard shot past Rangers' goalkeeper Peter McLean only palm the ball into the net.

The game came against the run of play. Rangers had all the upper hand, with Celtic lacking its centre-halves Roddy McDonald and Tom McAdam.

Derek Johnstone had the best chance for Rangers in the 35th minute of normal time but from six metres slammed the ball over.

Again, in the 52nd minute, he was fed clear of the Celtic defence but this time his flashing header was too high, and a minute from the end of normal time he just failed to make contact with a chip from substitute Tommy McLean.

Their road to Wembley

Summaries of each team's progress to the FS Cup Finals:

ARSENAL

Third round v Cardiff A 0-0.

Replay v Cardiff (H) 2-1, Arsenal scorer Sunderland (2).

Fourth round v Brighton (H) 2-0, Nelson, Talbot.

Fifth round v Bolton (A) 1-1, Stapleton.

Replay v Bolton (H) 3-0, Sunderland (2), Stapleton.

Sixth round v Watford (A) 2-1, Stapleton (2).

Semi-final v Liverpool (Hillsborough) 0-0.

First replay v Liverpool (Villa Park) 1-1.

Sunderland.

Second replay v Liverpool (Villa Park) 1-1.

Sunderland.

Third replay v Liverpool (Coventry) 1-0 Talbot.

Total goals 13-5.

Scorers: Sunderland 6, Stapleton 4, Talbot 2, Nelson 1.

WEST HAM

Third round v West Bromwich (A) 1-1. West Ham scorer Pearson.

Replay v West Bromwich (H) 2-1, Brooking, Pike.

Fourth round v Orient (A) 3-2. Stewart 2 (incl 1 penalty), Own goal.

Fifth round v Swansea City (A) 2-0, Cross, Allen.

Sixth round v Aston Villa (H) 1-0. Stewart (penalty).

Semi-final v Everton (Villa Park) 1-1. Pearson.

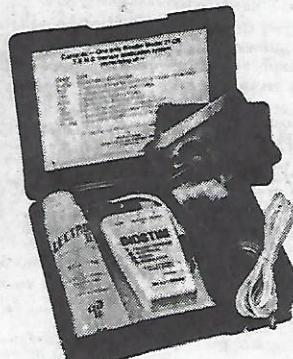
Replay v Everton (Leeds) 2-1. Devonshire, Lampard.

Total goals: 12-4.

Scorers: Stewart 3 (2 penalties), Pearson 2, Allen, Brooking, Cross, Pike, Devonshire, Lampard, one own goal.

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We're better than in '74 or '78

By Murray Barnes

The attitude of Australian crowds really grates me.

It is a terrible feeling to walk on to the park to play for your country and have most of the crowd supporting the opposition.

I can remember when we played South Korea in Sydney during the qualifying games for the 1978 World Cup and were booed on to the park by a crowd of South Korean supporters waving flags.

Although most of the crowd wanted to win, there were non-participating spectators and the South Korean contingent made all the noise.

We need the crowd behind us and we must encourage their support.

Perhaps people don't realise the pressure on players during a World Cup qualifying game.

We have a very young squad with dedicated players who can get us to Spain, but they need all the support they can get.

Nervousness and pressure stopped us in the past and although the experience was great it was a hell of a disappointment when we didn't make it.

Pressure is a very personal thing.

Most players are nervous before a club game so you can imaging the magnification of the nervousness prior to a World Cup match.

You can lose a club game and win the next week but losing a qualifying match can mean the end of every player's dream of playing in the World Cup Finals.

Gutendorf

But I think our chances are better than in 1974 or 1978.

Rudi Gutendorf is a strong personality and knows the players' capabilities.

We need someone like him to get the most out of us.

Getting the best out of the players was what was lacking in the past.

Rudi has the expertise to get us to Spain.

I am playing well at present and Rudi has seen me and selected me in his squad.

He has told me he is undecided about whether to use me as a defensive midfielder or as a central defender.

I have no reservations about what position I play because I am glad to be back in the squad.

My last game for Australia was against Greece in 1978 and when Rudi became coach he selected a new squad and I was not picked.

I was very disappointed, but I realised that previous nation-



Oh, what a waste...

By PETER SCOTT

Whenever a top-notch British soccer player retires his thoughts almost always turn towards management of a professional team or coaching.

The exceptions are those who decide to settle into business life with the help of the proceeds of many years of struggle and, on occasion, triumph in the hurly-burly of the English or Scottish Leagues.

Expectations were the same for Sir Stanley Matthews.

Here was the man who bewildered and dazzled opponents and spectators for decades, a man who played in professional soccer until the age of 50, whose name epitomised soccer to an extent which could be matched only by Pele in later years.

He was not, however, in charge of a professional squad, neither was he passing on the wisdom of his years to our coaches.

Sir Stan, now a sprightly and fit looking 65 — with only a bald patch carefully covered by meticulously arranged grey locks as a testimony to the passing of years — was touring NSW and Queensland in his "Kikari", which basically is a soccer ball on a rubber string.

Somehow it was incongruous to see a living legend bouncing about something which, while undoubtedly useful and amusing, is just a clever little training toy.

The polite, friendly and charming man that is Sir Stan, is nowadays — and has been for several years — a soccer mercenary.

For at least six months of the year he travels the globe on promotions, with exhibition clinics in shopping centres and short coaching stints in soccer's more exotic outposts, such as Soweto in South Africa, Ghana, Toronto, Los Angeles and, yes, places like Mackay, Gladstone and the red-brick suburbs of outer Sydney.

He professes to enjoy the life — "I love travel" — and one cannot doubt him on this account.

However, his opinions on the young soccer talent he meets up with in his wanderings are just a little stereotyped to sound completely convincing.

While he lives a comfortable life and expresses no regrets over not having carved out a niche for himself in professional British soccer after retirement, one can only speculate on whether he ever has thoughts of what might have been.

The legend of Stanley Matthews will live on. He will remain a glittering jewel in the crown of world soccer.

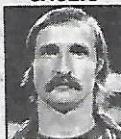
But, apart from the fading memories of devilish dribbles down the wing and stunning bodyswerves on the fabled turf of Wembley, Sir Stanley Matthews sadly seems destined not to make a lasting impression on the development of soccer.

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Eddie Thomson is a great player-coach and I have changed my opinion about the position.

Eddie's assets are his leadership qualities and his ability to criticise players without injuring their egos.

It is important to be able to criticise yourself before the players and make them believe that you mean it.

That is the key to Eddie's success and the reason why we are still a top team.



TOM ANDERSON

BIG JOB FOR MILAN

Benvenuto Milan, let's see what you're made of and let's see a good exhibition from you.

That's my message to the Italian aces as they limber up for the opening match of their Australian tour against an Australian XI at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

Over the past weeks, all the shine has been knocked off Italian football by the massive bribery scandal.

To be honest, their credibility is not the best anywhere in the world.

But Milan now have the chance to do a repair job on this tarnished image here in Australia.

They can achieve this by turning on the style and really having a go.

If this does not happen I hate to think what kind of reception they will get.

Well, the English squad was near enough what I predicted last week.

Although this is not England's first team, it is stacked with fine players and indeed a strong selection.

In fact, I would go as far as to say the Poms have paid Australia big compliment by selecting such a star-studded line-up.

Players like Glen Hoddle, Alan Devonshire, Paul Mariner and Kevin Reeves to name a few, are exciting performers who will thrill our Australian fans.

How national coach Rudi Gutendorf is going to organise his team to stop these brilliant Englishmen will be interesting to watch.

Already all the stand tickets for this game have gone and this will certainly be a night to remember.

I hope all the contenders for our national youth team watched the FA Cup final last Saturday night.

And if they did, I hope they paid strict attention to the performance of West Ham's young midfielder Paul Allen.

For Allen, 17, is the captain of England's youth team that is likely to be here for the Coca-Cola World Championships next year.

Young Allen had a magnificent start and at 17 he proved he could mix it with the best.

Here's a lad who is a professional to the core and was in West Ham's team because he had fought his way good enough to be there.

This was not achieved by mollycoddling or being wet-nursed.

I hope all our young pretenders in the youth championships in Canberra take note of this.

Again I say, I hope they watched the final and the performance of the brilliant West Ham youth.

Then they will surely realise what is expected from them in the coming months.

What about the disgraceful scenes at the Scottish Cup final

last Saturday at Hampden Park where Celtic beat the Rangers 1-0 after extra time.

Hundreds of young hooligans invaded the pitch and fought battles among themselves.

The whole situation brought shame to Scottish soccer.

Once again religion took precedence over soccer with the religious bigots of both bands of supporters taking over.

These lunatics are a minority that unfortunately blacken the image of the decent supporters of these two fine teams.

It is to be hoped that the authorities in Glasgow take strong action against the offenders and make them an example once and for all.

Australian's hopes of getting Middlesbrough's Craig Johnston for the centenary game against England are practically nil.

Johnston it seems is a young man who can't make up his mind which way to turn when it comes to playing international football.

And with such a situation existing my tip to the ASF and Rudi Gutendorf is to forget about him.

We want players willing to give their all for Australia in our national team — not young prima donnas who put themselves first and foremost.

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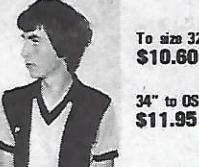
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In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

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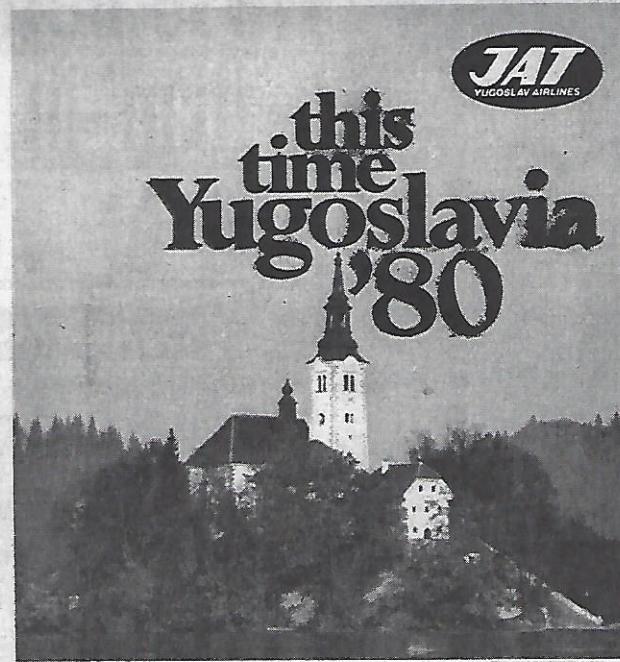
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

BLACKTOWN CITY 3 BRISBANE CITY 1 at Gabbie Stadium, Ratings by Ted Smithies.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Freeman 6, Pointer 8, Stowell 8, Culk 7 (Rasmussen 77') Turnbull 6, Salvage 7, Horazmabaz 7, O'Donnell 7, Hunter 6, Wilkinson 7, Izett 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 6, Ratcliffe 6, Potter 6, Perry 8, Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 6, Gaffney 7, McCuskay 6 (Caldwell 60th), Low 6 (Palinkas 33' - 7) Kelso 7, Hamilton 7.

NEWCASTLE 0 MARCONI 1 at International Sports Centre, Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Preston 8, Reaney 8, Curran 8, Bertogna 8, Drinkwater 8, Cowburn 7, Mason 8 (McCliland 82nd minute), Tredinnick 8, Heys 7, Deakin 6, Jones 7.

MARCONI: Maher 9, Degney 7, Muir 7, Russell 8, Prskalo 7, Byrne 6 (Henderson 62nd), Ruskopoulos 8, Lindsay 7, Krmecic 6, Jankovic 6, Sharme 6 (Mariani 62nd).

SYDNEY CITY 0 CANBERRA CITY 2 at Marks Field, Ratings by Tom Anderson.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 6, O'Connor 6, Spanos 6, Bruce 6, Stevenson 6, Watson 7, Barnes 7, Boden 6, Smith 6, H. Silva 6.

Sub. M. Silva 13th, sub Souness 6, 45 min.

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 8, Bennett 7, Milovanovic 9, R. O'Shea 7, Williams 8, Byrne 8 (sub Farrell 70th), MacLaren 8 (sub Brennan 55th 7), J. O'Shea 8, Giampaolo 7, Valeri 6, Cole 7.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 APIA-LEICHARD 1 at Lions Stadium, Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

LIONS — Scanlan 6, Ontong 9, Bennett 9, Milovanovic 9, Niven 8, Hogg 8, Lindsay 6, Spearritt 9 (Ogden 60th), Millman 9, McGregor 7, Vervelij 5, (Lawrie 67th).

LEICHARD — Woodhouse 9, McGinn 7, Wilson 8, Dempsey 8, Pullet 7, Harding 6, McAusland 7, Butler 6 (McKie 62nd), Morsello 8, Pirie 6, O'Connor 8.

WEST ADELAIDE 0 FOOTSCRAY 2 at Hindmarsh, Ratings by Mono Toutsidis.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, McGregor 8, Topolanski 7, Maricic 7, Bozanic 7, Manecas 7, Carruthers 8, Honeyman 7, Key 6, (Lorenzon), Koamina 6, Norris 7.

FOOTSCRAY — Boland 8, Hazabent 8, O'Reilly 7, Ollerton 8, Petrov 7, Picioane 8, Jovanovic 8, Ilioski 8, Rujcic 7, Vasic 8, Lujic 8.

HEIDELBERG UTD 4 ST. GEORGE 2 at Olympic Park, Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7, McMillan 8, Yzendoorn 8, P. Bannon 8, Tansey 8, Campbell 9, Semelidis 8, Rooney 8, Cole 8, Paton 8, Bozikas 8.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 6, Utesenovic 8, Yamine 8, McIntosh 7, Terry 7, Gnati 4, Katholes 6, Griffiths 8, Mihajlovic 4, Cotton 6, Duarte 7.

HELLAS 2 ADELAIDE CITY 1 at Middle Park, Ratings by Craig MacKenzie.

HELLAS: Laumets 8, V. Bannon 8, Lutton 9, Xanthopoulos 8, Davidson 7, Campbell 7, Christopoulos 7, Rogers 7, Cummings 7, Evans 7 (inj. sub Kakanakis 7 54th) Buljevic 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 6, Dodds 7, Russell 8, Perin 6, Jones 7, Muniz 6, Marocchi 6, Melka 6, B. Nyakohu 5, J. Nyakohu 6, Mitchell 5 (sub Signorelli 6).

Leading ratings:

8.3 Milovanovic (Can), Kondaros (Foot), V. Bannon (SM), Barnes (SC).

8.2 Hermiston (BL), Cole (H'berg).

8.1 Bennett, Hogg (BL), Reaney (Newc), Laumets (SM).

8.0 J. Campbell, Rooney (H'berg).

7.9 Millman (BL), Maher (Marc).

7.8 Pointer (Black), Perry (BC), Ontong (BL), Williams 8, Giampiolo (Can), Jovanovic (Foot), McMillan, Tansey (H'berg), Xanthopoulos, Lutton (SM), Clarke, Mullen, Watson (SC).

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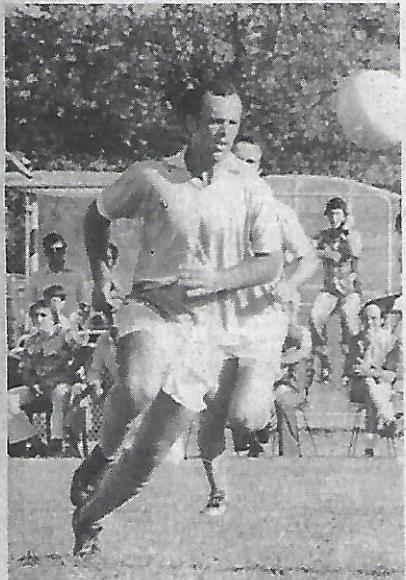
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 8. Krncevic (Marc).
 7. Boden, Barnes (SC).
 6. Duarte (St G).
 5. Jankovics (Marc), Paton (H'berg), Vasic (Foots), Giampaolo, Valeri (Can), J. Nyskohus (AC).
 4. Sharne (Marc), O'Connor (APIA).



Jamie Paton wards off challenges by Richard Yamine (left) and Doug Utjesenovic of St George. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.



Stewart Selvage - moved from Marconi to Blacktown for \$6000. Blacktown also bought APIA's Brian O'Donnell for \$8000 and sold Dave Harding to APIA.



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7.8 Giampaolo (Can).
7.6 Selemidis (H'berg).
7.5 Spanos (SC), Tredinick (Newc).

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This week's top goalkeeper is Marconi's Allan Maher who now leads in the voting.

Sydney City at Olympic Park
No 1, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous
results: 1977 - SC 4-3, 2-2.
1978 - J.U.S.T. 2-1, 1-1. 1979
- SC 3-0, J.U.S.T. 1-0. No ad-
vantage, Sydney City goal ad-
vantage: 11:9.

IN CANBERRA
CANTERRA v Blacktown
at Bruce Stadium 3 pm. No
previous results.

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE CITY v Leichhardt
at Perry Park, Sunday, 3 pm.
Previous results: 1979 - BC
2-0, 2-1.



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in 1978 and 21 in 1979.

Hellas paid a transfer fee to
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**Harding was not enough****BRISBANE LIONS 2
APIA-LEICHHARDT 1**

Scorers, Lions: Millman 67th, Sperritt 73rd, Leichhardt: McAusland 46th. Ground — Lions Stadium, weather fine. Crowd — 2836. Referee — J. Reeves. Caution — Ontong (Lions). Brisbane Lions had displayed plenty of character and presented their imposing home record with a determined 2-1 win over APIA-Leichhardt, in a match in which they took a long time to gain control.

As they had in the previous home outing against Blacktown, Lions produced a shoddy first half, but then with more application, righted the ship in the second session.

This time it was a much more difficult job and it looked as if the task was beyond them when the Lions conceded a goal through some slack defence in the first minute after half-time.

But the players decided to move out of low gear — notably Ron Millman, Steve Hogg, Paul Ontong and the most experienced of them Jim Hermiston and Eddie Spearritt.

Millman and Spearritt were about the only Lions players to move forward in the first 45 minutes, as players like Gerry Lindsay, Tom McGregor and John Verweij could not get going on the heavy surface.

Leichhardt played with new signing, former Soccerco Dave Harding, who switched from Blacktown on the Friday before the game.

Greg Woodhouse saved well from Verweij after he was set up by J. Hermiston early but at the other end Lions had the share of problems.

Peter Wilson's clever header from an O'Connor corner just evaded the post and promising youngster Tony Morsella cracked a scorching drive over the bar after some good work by O'Connor and Terry Butler, back from injury.

O'Connor was clearly the danger man to Lions in the first half with several menacing runs and he carried on in the same vein just after the break to set up Leichhardt's goal.

The Soccerco winger had been under a cloud before the game but managed to bypass Ontong and Hermiston deep on the left before crossing perfectly into the goalmouth.

Lindsay tried to clear but collided with a Leichhardt player, and the ball fell loose to the edge of the box, where midfielder Colin McCauley made no mistake.

From this point, O'Connor's influence on the Leichhardt attack subsided, as Ontong gradually got his measure and there was a greater look of composure about Hermiston and the rugged Col Bennett.

Down the line, Lions had no choice but to launch into full-scale attack and from a great interception by Ontong on the right, the home side almost broke through, but Wilson beat Lindsay to the header after Woodhouse had been left standing.

Woodhouse then made a brilliant save of a thundering Lindsay shot but it was at this point that holes began appearing in the Leichhardt rear guard.

Big Jim Dempsey, who had put together a strong performance, began to labour a little in the heavy going and he made a costly mistake following a couple of Lions flick-on headers.

Dempsey did not clear effectively from the ball. Millman pounced, drove through the middle, and hauled Lions back to level terms by taking his chance well against Woodhouse.

In the 73rd minute, only six minutes after the initial breakthrough, Millman's effervescence again was the vital ingredient.

He chased after a perfect, long pass from Hogg, rounded Mark Pullen and rammed a solid drive against the post. Sperritt burst forward in support, calmed controlled the rebound, and slotted the ball into the empty net.

At 10.30 a.m., at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, all members are asked to attend.

Tom Anderson

**Trenter 'home'****SYDNEY CITY 0
CANBERRA 2**

Scorers — Beazley 8, Scores — John O'Shea 21, Byrne 55.

Venus — Marks Field, Weather: warm.

Crowd: 3030. Caution: Mullin 19th min.

The inconsistent form of Sydney City continued and its performances left a big doubt about whether it's championship material.

Consistent teams win championships and during the past few weeks the City Sliders have been anything but consistent.

They played in this match like Arsenal in the FA Cup Final — flat, jaded and lacking final thrust near goal.

City was quite good when it had the ball, but too many of its players did not seem to fancy the ball was when Canberra was in possession.

Canberra on the other hand was a busy, eager and talented side that spared nothing in its search for success.

It was prepared to chase the work hard in every situation and had the speed and the ability to penetrate the Sliders' defence.

In fact, with a bit of luck, Canberra could have had more goals in the first half, when good efforts by Valeri, Cole and MacLaren were repelled by the Sliders' woodwork.

This Canberra team has a big future ahead of it if it continues to develop along its present lines.

It is stacked with good young talent and will improve with age.

Canberra also has many brilliant individual players such as Giampaolo, Valeri, Cole and MacLaren who can win games on their own.

Also in defence, former youth international Mark Milner, Venus and Danny Moulis were outstanding and ably backed by Robert O'Shea and Harry Williams who is quickly getting back to top form.

Canberra opened the scoring in the 21st minute when John O'Shea hit a magnificent left-foot drive high into the Sliders' net.

However the ACT team had to wait until 10 minutes after the interval before increasing its lead.

This time it was with another brilliant drive involving Sebastian Giampaolo, Valeri and Terry Byrne.

Giampaolo made all the running on the right and crossed an inch-perfect ball to Valeri.

Valeri knocked it across first-time to the oncoming Byrne who smashed it home.

This was great stuff and it had the stamp of the exciting young Canberra team to call it home.

Coach Eddie Thomson will have to rectify this before his team meets Footscray on Sunday.

The way is now open for Thomson to bring himself back into the defence.

Maybe on the field he will be able to rally his troops and drive them on in usual Sliders' fashion.

Also, it will come as no surprise if Mark Trenter, who was brought back to the Sliders from Newcastle on Sunday morning, is not included in the line-up.

Trenter's enthusiasm and determination will be a big boost to the Sliders in their present frame of mind.

After the game, coach Thomson said that he was disappointed by the performance of some of his players.

"I thought we had chances but we are just not putting them away," he said.

"There will be changes for next week's clash with Footscray."

Canberra coach Vic Fernandez was elated with his players and described it as a win that they had all been waiting for.

"This will be a great morale booster for us and I'm very happy with the way they played today," Fernandez said.

Ted Smithies

**Signings set Town alight****BLACKTOWN CITY 3
BRISBANE CITY 1**

Ground: Gabba Stadium, Crowd: 2972. Referee: Peter Rampley 7. Goals: Wilkinson (4'), Horazabal (36'), O'Donnell (56'), Palinkas (74'). Yellow cards: Nil.

Almost three thousand staunch supporters of Blacktown City turned out to witness Gabba Stadium to witness Blacktown's second home victory that lifted it two points clear of the last placed Brisbane City.

With new signings Stuart Selvage and Brian O'Donnell in full cry, the resounding home side started in a creditable performance to overpower its visitors and prove yet again that its recent form was not just a flash in the pan and that it intends to stay in top soccer competition.

Blacktown's opening effort was one a complete domination and it justly earned an early goal.

With only four minutes gone, Warren Turnbull crossed from the right to find Paul Wilkinson at the far post. The tall striker wasted no time and rose above Brisbane City's defence to nod the ball low just inside the upright and into the net. A desperate dive by Martin Coe was valueless.

The visitors came back soon after this opening goal and attacked strongly creating some opportunities that had the home crowd gasping. In the 15th minute Peter Freeman, the keeper who earned much of the respect for Blacktown's draw with Leichhardt the previous week, was beaten, but the shot was headed off by Martin Coe in the 19th.

Little separated the sides in the first half but Footscray was clearly the better of the two.

With 12 minutes remaining in the half, the visitors had to battle hard before clearing a number of shots that came from close range.

In the 36th minute the home team went further ahead after a fine individual effort by Ricky Horazabal. His powerful drive from about 30 metres eluded the outstretched arms of Martin Coe, and rocketed into the net.

The second half saw the visitors trying hard to come back into the game and most of the play in the opening minutes centred in front of Peter Freeman.

However, against the run of play, Blacktown made a fine attacking move in the 56th minute that brought about the third goal of this match.

Peter Freeman picked up the ball and passed it to the other players and threw it to one of his defenders. The ball quickly travelled to Brian O'Donnell in the front line and the ex-Leichhardt midfielder wasted no time. After a quick wall pass with Jimmy Izzat, O'Donnell stormed through to hammer the ball under the boot of Martin Coe.

The contest was over and all attempts by the visitors to cut this huge lead amounted to a mere consolation goal by Joe Palinkas in the 74th minute.

Blacktown City played well enough and created enough opportunities to worry the home side's defence but it appeared to hesitate at times when chances came, allowing the home side to quickly react and clear.

O'Connor's century

Steve O'Connor completed 100 first team appearances for Sydney City on Sunday.

After junior soccer in the Bankstown district he joined City in 1972, played his way up through the ranks and became a regular in 1977 and is regarded as one of the best centre-halves in the P.S.L.

He was a member of the NSW youth team, combined NSW P.S.L. team, NSW and Australia.

His honours with Sydney City include the 1976 Rothmans Cup, 1977 P.S.L. premiership and 1978 and 1979 P.S.L. championships.

Like every Sydney City player who completes a century of appearances Steve will be presented with an engraved silver tray as a token of ap-

Meno Toutsidis

**Fabulous Footscray****WEST ADELAIDE 0
FOOTSCRAY 2**

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Referee: Donald Campbell.

Rocco Ille's aggressive Footscray had to kill look when it swept aside West Adelaide 2-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The win confirmed that Footscray is a threat to PSL favorites Marconi, Heidelberg and Sydney City.

It's a major milestone for these two champions, but individual achievement will take second place to their overriding goal — to beat Marconi and draw three points clear at the top of the ladder.

Poor St George, which slipped to 13th position as a result of its loss to Heidelberg, will get a little taste of the big time by playing in the curtain-raiser to the Australia v AC Milan clash at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday, but it's a long way to go.

It's a major milestone for Footscray, which is a result of its constant hard work and determination.

Both teams were a constant threat to West's defence and it was a tribute to West defender Ian McGregor that Lujic failed to score.

Both players had a titanic struggle on the flank, particularly in the first half.

Little separated the sides in the first half but Footscray was clearly the better of the two.

West fell away after the break, mainly because its key players Honeyman, Kosmina and Manecas had below par games.

It's a bright spot for West on a rainy afternoon was the improved form of Eric Carruthers, making his return after a four-month absence.

Despite Footscray's second-half dominance, it could have been a different story had Honeyman's shot not strayed just wide of the far post early in the first half.

And just a few minutes later Graham Norris had a shot blocked after good work from Kosmina and Norris.

Footscray had their moments too. Iloski and Rujevic were both denied a goal during a frenetic attack and just before half-time Bozanic cleared Lujic's shot off the line.

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KAFKA HITS THREE, CROATIA CLIMBS

Croatia handed out a crushing 6-0 drubbing to Parramatta City at King Tomislav Oval to continue its climb up the ladder.

Playing with some of their old zest and flair, Croatia took the lead after six minutes when Wally Savor charged down an attempted clearance. The ball ran kindly for him and he followed through to blast it home from close range.

Parramatta battled hard but could not find a weakness against Croatia's defenders. Tony Basini and Bruno Cagali. Savor's flighted cross gave Zdenko Kafka the first of his three goals.

Bobby Pogano scored a typical winger's goal when he sprinted from half-way, shook off two defenders with a neat swerve and beat the 'keeper and scoring into an empty net.

Branko Culina, the star recruit from Essendon Croatia again exposed the Parramatta defence with a double pass, three defenders before rounding the hapless 'keeper and scoring into an empty net.

The last two goals came from the boot of Kafka, the first when he beat a free kick around the defenders and the second when he volleyed a cross from Marian Kovacic.

Sydney Olympic scored a comfortable 4-1 win over North Sydney at Pratten Park to hold top spot.

Olympic took an early lead when a defensive blunder by North Sydney let Derek Lang in for an easy goal.

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Sydney Olympic-N. Sydney 4-1
Avoca Canterbury 0-1
Sutherland 4-0 (10) vs. Waverley
Croatia-Perthama 6-0
Maitland 3-0
Auburn-Amcliffe postponed

save from Gary Milne in the 55th minute was a gem.

When a draw seemed likely Canterbury scored a shock goal in the 83rd minute.

Joe Ramisch sent in a corner from the right and winger Craig Hall summed the ball home from six metres.

Three minutes later North Sydney were on level terms through Bob Youssef.

It took Olympic a further 54 minutes before they could reassert their superiority.

North Sydney fought like tigers but in the 61st minute Lang sent a perfect ball to Mick Cross who scored.

In the 71st minute Olympic's second substitute, Peter Hensman, who had been on the field only one minute, slotted a corner kick by Houssein Housseini past the goalkeeper.

Three minutes later defender Greg Ankudinoff scored the best goal of the match with a superb 30 metre shot.

Once again Olympic were best served in midfield by Housseini and Laing while Youssef did an equally good job for North Sydney.

Canterbury-Marrickville snatched victory with only seven minutes remaining and secured two welcome points with a 1-0 win over Avala at Knight Park.

Canterbury goalkeeper Alex McPerson made good saves from Eddie Patterson and Steve Deller but his fingertip

goal inspired Melita to come forward and midfield Vic Juchnowicz was heavily fouled in the penalty area.

Referee Gary Power gave the penalty and Ray Farrugia converted to increase Melita's lead.

With only one minute in the game, replacement Don Allan was on the spot to head home a pass by Mike Berry from close range.

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	W	D	L	F	A	P
Olympic	7	1	2	1	7	15
Melita	7	1	1	0	4	15
Auburn	5	1	2	0	12	11
Canterbury	5	1	3	0	13	11
Avala	5	1	3	1	9	11
Sutherland	3	2	3	7	8	9
Croatia	3	2	4	10	11	9
AFClife	3	2	4	11	8	8
North Sydney	3	0	5	12	16	8
Bankstown	2	2	5	9	22	8
PMatts	2	2	5	9	18	5
Maitland	1	3	3	4	8	5
N. Sydney	2	1	5	9	10	5
Manly	0	2	7	5	18	2

Not easy for Milan: Rudi

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Gutendorf has faced Milan twice before, while he was coach of Munich 1860 in West Germany.

Munich drew 2-2 in Milan in front of 80,000 people and lost 1-2 at home. Rivera and Karl-Einz Schnellinger were among Milan's stars.

Rivera will arrive in Australia from Italy on Sunday morning, and Gutendorf is confident he can persuade him to make a guest appearance.

Milan's impressive collection of honours includes: 10 championships, four Italian Cups, two European Cups and two Cup Winners' Cups.

Its touring squad has been decimated by national team call-ups and the Italian betting scandal.

Alberto Collovati, Aldo Maldera and Walter Burliani are required for Italy's bid for the European Championship. Ricky Albertosi and Georgio Morini are impli-

cated in the betting scandal.

For the Australian players, the match represents a handy training run in preparation for their international clash with England at the SCG on May 31.

"If I had all the Socceros available, we would have a big chance of winning," Gutendorf said. "Even now, despite the difficulties, Milan will have to use all its strength if it hopes to beat us."

Milan's other games in Australia are:

Wednesday, May 21: v. Victoria at Olympic Park, 8 pm.

Sunday, May 25: v. Queensland at Perry Park, 3pm.

Wednesday, May 28: v. South Australia at Hindmarsh Stadium, 8pm.

Sunday, June 1: v. Western Australia in Perth.

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Borussia leads 3-2

MOENCHENGLADBACH, West Germany, — Borussia Moenchengladbach beat Eintracht Frankfurt 3-2 in the first leg of their UEFA Cup final here.

The teams were drawn 1-1 at the interval. Kulik (2) and Matthaeus hit Borussia's goals. Karga and Hoelzenbein scored for Frankfurt.

The return game in Frankfurt is on May 21.

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Corresponding totals in previous seasons, 1979 — 321,392; 1978 — 323,729; 1977 — 300,380.

Attendance breakdown for round nine last weekend and in previous seasons:

	1979	1978	1977
Newc v Marc	(0-1)	8547	12,448
H'berg v St Geo	(4-2)	3200	5,000
Sth Melb v Adel C	(2-1)	4500	4,500
Black v Brisb. C.	(3-1)	2972	—
Syd C v Can.	(0-2)	3030	2,378
West Ad v Fooths.	(0-2)	2450	4,200
Brisb L v APIA.	(2-1)	2836	850
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Esposito sinks Austria, Rovers give chase

Polonia stayed on top of the Metro First Division ladder thanks to an 83rd minute winner from forward Ralph Esposito that broke the deadlock against a determined Keilor Austria.

Before the match a presentation was made to Polonia central defender Jan Gawlik who will return to his native Poland due to the expiry of his Australian visa.

Albion Rovers continued its challenge to Polonia by winning a close encounter with Mike de Bruycker's Ringwood City.

City has one of the finest sweepers in the Metropolitan Leagues in ex-Melbourne, Hellas and Hakoah player Gary Groenewald.

Gary's talents can be utilised in many positions but his excellent disposal and fine

The Victorian Leagues

vision can best be seen in the sweeper position.

However, Albion proved equal to the challenge of Bobby Nisbet and Mike D'Sylva, Albion is a promotion favourite.

High Murney's Park Rangers still dominate Division Two but Morell Falcons, boosted by Steve Walker, Jimmy Armstrong and Andy Savage, are poised to take over.

This weekend's clash between the two pacesetters should be the highlight of the Second Division season.

Frankston Pines strayed off the winning trail when it drew with Coburg two weeks ago but players of the quality of George Malcolm, Bobby Dobbing, Colin Mitchell, Colin Watson and Johnny Irvine are too skilled to slip up regularly.

This weekend the mighty Pines have the opportunity to avenge last year's home loss to Ringwood Utd.

Ringwood knocked in three goals in last year's important encounter but the 'geriatrics' will be lucky to get close to the Pines next time.

Sandringham City recorded its second win at Coburg in six years due to an amazing goalkeeping mistake by Cobro keeper Pebbig.

Sandringham striker David Green hit a simple left-foot shot in the 3rd minute that saw Pebbig dive too early, allowing the ball to bounce over his desperate grasp and the history of City's Corio ventures had been rewritten.

Mornington continued its domination of top spot with a convincing 4-0 drubbing of Milne Rusrum's struggling Caulfield City.

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KEILOR — Petersen, Albin, John, John, G. G. (Schlifer 66th Min), Breton, Campbell, Belak (Gacki 81st Min), Dornard, Craig, Webb, Alekic.

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 DOVETON 0

SPRINGVALE — Peter, Mur, Adam, Crivari, Christians, McArthur, Lewler, Gollan, Smart, Barca, Fowler, Beard, Vogel, Kepp, Parry, Mur.

DOVETON — Ivanoff, Merrick, McConville, Cork, Collyer, Fekos, Campbell, Roderick, McDonald, Irvine, Quinn, Chen, Bender.

BEST PLAYERS: Springvale: Lawler, Peter Mur.

DIVISION THREE CHELSEA 2 (Waiter, Good- man) COBURG 1 (Deans)

CHELSEA — McLean, Jones, Goodman, Smith, Mooney, Sed, Cranach, Clothier, McCormick, Florinlines, Maccio, Subs: Harland, Wall, Finn, CORB — Deans, Williams, Doherty, O'Kearney, Stirling, Dally, Frampton, D. Jones, Malcolm, Deans, Giacomo, Subs: Spiteri, Yearsley, Evans.

BEST PLAYERS: Chelsea: Clothier, McCormick, Goodman, Coburg: Frampton, Malcolm, Deans.

DIVISION FOUR MOORABBIN 5 BRIGHTON 1

SCORERS: MOORABBIN — Sensee, 3, Wyllie, 2, Doherty, Brighton, Lally, MOORABBIN — Pariss, Wateling, Stirrup, Tierny, Morgan, Barlow, C. Sensee, Gregory, Wyntton, G. Sensee, Kelly, Subs: Ross P. Crawford.

BRIGHTON — Carey, Whelan, Mercuro, Doherty, O'Kearney, Chadwick, Michalopoulos, Lally, Pye, Gould.

SUBS: Tub Blackwell.

BEST PLAYERS: Moorabbin: Stirrup, G. Sensee, Kelly, Wyntton, Brighton.

Lally, Gould, Whelan.

Moorabbin gave a brilliant display of attacking soccer with highlights being Les Stirrup's dominance in the air and Gino Sensee's excellent finishing.

PROVISIONAL ONE HAMLYN RANGERS 5 SOUTH YARRA 2

SCORERS: Thomastown: Dallas, 2, Lia, Tavolero, KARINGAL: Plankett, THOMASTOWN: Reponi, Rizzo.

BEST PLAYERS: Hamlyn: Rangers, Green.

PROVISIONAL TWO

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Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Frankston City continues to be the foremost promoter of Victorian soccer with its coup in signing former English international Martin Chivers from Norwich City.

Chivers soon will make a series of guest appearances with the Bayside club, following in the footsteps of noted internationals, Martin Peters of England and Scotland's Ed蒙纳·班纳特。

Frankston found that Slavia has uncovered a fighting spirit and enthusiasm that partly offsets its lack of class players.

The unsteady path of league leader Makedonia continued, with the fighting Sunshine giving its top-of-the-table visitors a torrid time at Chapel Reserve.

Sunshine effectively cut off the midfield supply to Makedonia's brilliant front trio and deserved a point due to the new level of organisation of its back four.

Hakao's Graham French made a quick exit from a rough match between the visitors and Juventus that provoked Juve coach Manny Poulakakis to lash out "the out-and-out filthy players" in the league.

Peter Lewis was sent off at Schintler Reserve in a drab contest between Altona and Western Suburbs.

Croydon took both points against Green Gully side which coach Bobby McLachlan said "seemed to arrive at half as soon as possible".

If Slavia can maintain the fight and aggression of the past two weeks then two points are not far away.

Twice Slavia came from two goals down against visitors Frankston to pressure its opponents in search of an equaliser.

While first fight-back came from a fine solo effort by Mick McGehee and John Cullen's constant urging and enthusiasm paid dividends when he left his role as central defender to score Slavia's second goal.

Pahljina squandered two chances when through with only Frankston keeper Bill Whiteside to beat McGehee's crossbar in the second half but the miss of the match

belonged to Paul Cooke whose first time header hit the underside of the bar and was cleared.

Bruce Young returned to form for the Baysiders who are showing some system up front.

Big Bob Adams makes most of his runs on the far post and with Kevin Wall working off the big man and Bruce Young out wide Frankston have a competitive strike force.

While Coulson pushes up in support of the front runners and his majestic left foot can cause havoc especially from set-piece situations.

When Martin Chivers arrives the Baysiders will have the finishing they require to sink the hopes of most opponents and advance to within sight of fourth spot.

CROATIA 3 (Murphy, Mitten, Gilder) GEORGE CROSS 0.

CROATIA: Blasby - Short, Adams, Kokosa, Blaive - Trout (sub Gardner 75th), Andrews, Murphy (sub Gilder 75th), Mitten (sub Klein 75th), Gilder, Mitten.

GEORGE CROSS: Graham - Cudjor, Wilkinson, Belusic, Desai (sub Ziegler 15th) - Morgan, Hooper (sub Maitland 10th) Maitland, Mirkovic, Petic.

Both teams made a point for a point.

Makedonia should maintain its championship impetus at the expense of the decieving Hakao side.

Hakao has a talented squad but lacks the fight needed to beat the improving Makedonian on-field.

With Williams buzzing about up front the Shiners could be in for a dismal day.

The Centenary Park clash between Frankston and Croydon should be a hard physical contest that may end in a draw.

Keeper Elvio Pugliese is in sparkling form and the Slavia defence is starting to solidify.

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Croatia's possession dominance broke down up front.

Orlando Desa went into midfield and Ziegler took over at left back.

Desa suffered the same fate as Hooper and was substituted five minutes later by Norm Maitland.

Maitland went to left back, Ziegler took to a wing and forward Tony Castello moved into midfield.

Unsettled changes unsettled the Cross line-up before the outset of class players with which seriously to challenge Croatia.

Croatia's possession dominance broke down up front.

Slavia hit the front after a fine overlap and cross by Peter Donaldson was met firmly by Ray Pocock's far post header and sent into the top corner of the goal.

Makedonia's reply through Eric Lesbire after Cudjor had set him up, saw a final 10-minute period in which the visitors clawed at the Sunshine defensive barrier without effect.

It would have taken a

public relations expert with a Galilean imagination to find something in this game to promote Victorian soccer.

The crisis of the game was

reached when Altona's Peter Lewis was sent off, leaving the visitors with 10 men.

It was a momentous draw.

The soccer was a combination of Victoria's public transport system and Altona's persistent in playing high hopes.

It was a momentous draw.

It was a moment



YOUTH REPORT

from

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS



LEIF JENSEN

Having repeatedly been asked to make a comment on the "Footscray affair" and the proposed soccer-footy marriage on this ground, as well as Mr Hamilton's outburst in Sydney recently, I reluctantly do so after having graciously waited for other soccer writers to air their views, with which I don't quite agree.

There is of course no doubt in my mind (being of superior intellect, as we most soccer people) that if we just sit back and let these very important people in world sport play with their pointed ball, they will, as they have done in the past, keep on doing us a favor by infiltrating soccer with more and more young footy boys joining our ranks.

I personally think we should be grateful for the excellent P.R. work they have done for soccer in the past.

Getting back to the "Footscray-Affair" there is of course no way known to me that one can imagine senior soccer can be played on senior footy rules, not now nor in the future. But I would like to forecast that this situation will happen in schools at junior level within the next five years!

Footy people do not want to see soccer played on their ovals, and this I can understand because I wouldn't want to see footy being played at Olympic Park and if you are being honest with yourself, you wouldn't like that to happen either would you?

The unsavory part of the Footscray deal was that it was allowed to develop to the stage where a deal was drawn up before Mr Hamilton stepped in and had the arrangement

cancelled. But, again, I feel we won more friends than enemies by making this interfering at the wrong time.

As for Mr Hamilton's comments in Sydney, and I quote: "We don't wish to annihilate soccer as a sport in Australia but, as a body in direct opposition to soccer, we have decided to infiltrate the soccer stronghold of Australia."

Mr Hamilton — I am happy to see that you admit to soccer being a sport with a stronghold in Australia, but I am in heaven know you can come out with such garbage as footy being in direct opposition to soccer as a sport? Sir, you need to get your facts straight, because the only comparison between the two codes are that they are both played on the grass.

Coach sought

Brighton (Vic) seeks a coach for its under 14 team and players for its under 15s.

Those interested should ring 557 4215 or 95 5613 after hours.

Under 10s still 'competing'

The aim in Victoria to abolish league competition for the youngest age groups is commendable, but in many cases it's not working the way it's supposed to.

One problem area is the under 10 group.

There's no league competition for that group, but at the insistence of the clubs, the Federation organises the matches and the players are required to have official passes.

This causes many coaches and parents to believe that it is, after all, an official competition — one to be won.

Because there are set fixtures drawn up by the VSF, it is easy to keep a record of games won and goals scored... and many clubs do just that.

Boys are sent out with the message:

"You've got six points already and if you win this one you'll be on top."

If they fail to come up with the goods, they are failures.

Perhaps the clubs that operate in this way have not been adequately educated in the aim of the younger age groups. This aim is to allow the boys to play for fun and to learn the game while doing so. Many clubs play on reduced pitch sizes with smaller goals.

To eliminate the one big remaining problem, the clubs should seriously consider doing away with official organisation at Federation level.

Games could instead be organised via a simple phone-call to a neighboring club — thus removing any possibility of sense of league competition being retained. — LAURIE SCHWAB



This is the talented South Melbourne Heles under 13A team which won the Victorian junior Ampol Cup by beating West United 1-0 in the final at Olympic Park.

Standing, from left: D. Vlasios, T. Papageorgopoulos, P. Trouios (president), G. LKyriopoulos, K. Tsoris, G. Mihos, H. Kakavas, C. Kiklos, R. Jovanevski, G. Karayiakos (coach). Front: M. Meryngas, P. Petrakos, D. Pasakos (captain), H. Katsanis, C. Dionysopoulos, T. Katsanidis, S. Tassis.

This team has won league premierships three years in a row.

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Justin Kaminski, four goals (Churchill); Peter Smolik, 11 (Koell-Austria); Damir Fadiljevic, 11, four goals; David Rodriguez, 11, four goals (Springvale); Harry Arlind (Mordialloc); Tony Phipps, 8, five goals; Ian Stasic, 8, Gardon

Scott 8 (Nunawading); Mate Peric, 9 (Maidstone Dynamo); Robert Hutchinson, 15, six goals; Malcolm McStay, 15, Gavan Paine, 15 (Moorwell Pegasus); Zeljko Kera, 13, six goals; David Marder, 13 (Dandenong Rovers); David Morgan, 14, four goals (Ringwood City); Robert Collin, 8 (Maidstone); Ian Cartledge, 11, four goals (Eltham); Sava James Rusler, 10 (Waverley); Mark Barnett, 10, six goals; Jim Widmer (Mornington); Craig Ireland, 3, Craig Keyzer, 10, four goals (Berwick C); Neil Barnett, 7, five goals; Simon Field, 7 (Ferntree Gully); Chris Goss, 10 (Clayton); Martin Lee, 13, seven goals; John Mpakalou, 13 (Sandringham); David Lasota, 15 (Ardeer); Mark Blazevic, 11, four goals (Nashua United); Steve Clarke, 15, four goals; Graham Johnsen, 13, Jeff Tyzack, 13 (Melton); Tony Seychell, 13 (Altona); Con Chantzis, 11 (South Melbourne); Lee Bayliss, 14, six goals (Carrum); Mark Doherty, 10 (Nunawading); Ivica Kelic, 11 (Northern Region); Mark Unterhaber, 10, six goals; Craig Devonport, 10, six goals; Martin Spurway, 11 (Mordialloc); John Dwyer, 13, Brian Stoeckli, 13 (Glenorchy); Tony Johnson, 8, Marty Kamines, 10, five goals; Tony Higginson, 11 (Undernerra); Greg Tasabidis, 15, four goals; Tom Alexiades, 15, four goals (Western Suburbs); Steve Keenan, 10, Mike Fey, 10 (Chelsea); Ian Palma, 15, four goals (Brighton); Perry Stepanidis, 14 (Central Region); Staffan, 11 (Glenelg); Mark Doherty, 11, five goals; Jason Gilberto, 11 (Karingal); George Mesis, 10, four goals (Brunswick C); Harry Tsalikidis, 13 (Rosanna); Kristian Longshaw, 6, five goals; Rod Kist, 6, five goals; Richard Howes, 7, four goals; Ivan Baggo, 7 (Croydon).

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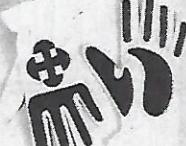
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UNDER 12 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Dandenong	8	8	0	2	7	12
Northern	8	5	2	2	2	10
Western	8	5	2	2	2	10
Central	8	3	0	3	2	12
Peninsula	6	2	0	4	10	14
Lakeview Valley	6	1	0	5	1	14
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 13 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Northern	5	4	1	0	2	5
Western	5	2	1	2	1	6
Dandenong	5	1	2	2	7	5
Central	6	3	2	1	2	7
Peninsula	5	1	1	3	7	14
Lakeview Valley	5	0	1	4	10	16
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 14 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Central	8	4	2	2	6	10
Northern	8	2	1	6	1	16
Western	8	3	1	2	2	5
Northern	6	3	2	2	5	7
Central	8	1	2	3	18	19
Peninsula	6	1	1	4	10	23
Lakeview Valley	6	2	0	4	10	24
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 15 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Northern	5	5	0	0	10	16
Central	5	4	1	1	17	17
Northern	5	2	1	2	12	17
Central	5	2	0	3	19	19
Peninsula	5	1	2	3	18	20
Lakeview Valley	5	0	1	4	10	23
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 16 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Central	8	4	2	2	6	10
Northern	8	2	1	6	1	16
Western	8	3	1	2	2	5
Northern	6	3	2	2	5	7
Central	8	1	2	3	18	19
Peninsula	6	1	1	4	10	23
Lakeview Valley	6	2	0	4	10	24
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

To be decided weekend, May 4.

UNDER 11 DANDENONG A

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Moorebank A	3	2	1	0	5	6
Dandenong A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Reps. City	3	2	1	0	8	5
Bellarat	3	2	1	0	8	5
Northern	3	2	1	2	5	7
Central	3	2	1	2	5	7
Peninsula	3	1	1	3	18	19
Lakeview Valley	3	0	1	4	10	23
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG B

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill B	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. B	3	2	1	0	8	4
Waverley A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Northern	3	0	0	3	1	15
Central	3	0	0	3	1	15
Peninsula	3	0	0	3	1	15
Lakeview Valley	3	0	0	3	1	15
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG C

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully B	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill B	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. B	3	2	1	0	8	4
Waverley A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Northern	3	0	0	3	1	15
Central	3	0	0	3	1	15
Peninsula	3	0	0	3	1	15
Lakeview Valley	3	0	0	3	1	15
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG D

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully C	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill C	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. C	3	2	1	0	8	4
Waverley A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Northern	3	0	0	3	1	15
Central	3	0	0	3	1	15
Peninsula	3	0	0	3	1	15
Lakeview Valley	3	0	0	3	1	15
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG E

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully D	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill D	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. D	3	2	1	0	8	4
Waverley A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Northern	3	0	0	3	1	15
Central	3	0	0	3	1	15
Peninsula	3	0	0	3	1	15
Lakeview Valley	3	0	0	3	1	15
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG F

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully E	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill E	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. E	3	2	1	0	8	4
Waverley A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Northern	3	0	0	3	1	15
Central	3	0	0	3	1	15
Peninsula	3	0	0	3	1	15
Lakeview Valley	3	0	0	3	1	15
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG G

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully F	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill F	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. F	3	2	1	0	8	4
Waverley A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Northern	3	0	0	3	1	15
Central	3	0	0	3	1	15
Peninsula	3	0	0	3	1	15
Lakeview Valley	3	0	0	3	1	15
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG H

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully G	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill G	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. G	3	2	1	0	8	4
Waverley A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Northern	3	0	0	3	1	15
Central	3	0	0	3	1	15
Peninsula	3	0	0	3	1	15
Lakeview Valley	3	0	0	3	1	15
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG I

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully H	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill H	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. H	3	2	1	0	8	4
Waverley A	3	2	1	0	8	4
Northern	3	0	0	3	1	15
Central	3	0	0	3	1	15
Peninsula	3	0	0	3	1	15
Lakeview Valley	3	0	0	3	1	15
Bellarat	8	0	0	8	1	16

UNDER 11 DANDENONG J

	P	W	D	L	F	A
F. Gully I	3	2	1	0	8	4
Box Hill I	3	2	1	0	8	4
S. Vale Ud. I	3	2	1	0		

Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP FRANKSTON PINES



From left, standing: Brian Paulding (from juniors), George Malcolm (joined from Coburg in 1977), Colin Mitchell (from juniors, played with Slevin in 1977), David Stuchbury (from Sandringham 1978), Sean Harrison (from juniors), Steve Cairns (from juniors, former Victorian junior representative), Gary Waisan (from juniors).
Front: Doug Feris (from juniors), Bobby Dobbins (Irvine from Chelsea 1978, ex-Coventry City, Melbourne and Victorian State representative), John Irvine (from Chelsea 1978), Dennis Bennett (from Coburg 1977, club captain), John Cameron (from juniors), Hans Effren (from juniors). Pic: ture by LES SHORROCK

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COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington (08) 332 5614 — 332 5618

COLOURS: Black & White.

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This week's match: v WEST ADELAIDE at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm

BLACKTOWN CITY S.C.

62 Seven Hills Road North, Seven Hills 2147. Phone 624 3344

SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (Ph) as above.

COACH: M. Jones

GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

COLOURS: white, red black trim, black, red white trim black red white



This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm

BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

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P.O. BOX 310, DARRA QLD 4076

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COACH: M. Carson

GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd, Richlands, 07 (phone) 372 2989

Colours Orange and Blue



This week's match: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at International Sports centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm

CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

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COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

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P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

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COACHES: J. Rooney & P. Bannon

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold

COACHES: J. Rooney & P. Bannon



This week's match: v MARCONI at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: R. Ille

GROUND: Western Oval, Barkly St, Footscray

COLOURS: Blue White Red.



This week's match: v SYDNEY CITY at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

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COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.



This week's match: v HEIDELBERG UNITED at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

GENERAL SECRETARY: J. Karvess 534 5048 & 534 5462 (Restaurant) 534 4141

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White



This week's match: v ST. GEORGE at Sydney Cricket Ground/Sydney/Sunday 1 pm.

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

Colours: Red, White & Green



This week's match: v SOUTH MELBOURNE at Sydney Cricket Ground/Sydney/Sunday 1 pm

SYDNEY CITY

"THE SLICKERS"

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W. 2026

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COACH: E. Thomson

GROUND: Sydney Athletic Field

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This week's match: v FOOTSCRAY at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

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G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 51 6686.

COACH: G. Chaldi

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COLOURS: Blue white stripes — Blue Shorts

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